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In re Application Of:

VOGELSTEIN *et al.*

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For: SECURIN IS REQUIRED FOR CHROMOSOMAL STABILITY IN HUMAN CELLS

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 10-18 and 23 are indicated as allowed.

Claims 1-9 and 19-22 stand rejected. We believe no fee is due in connection with this response.

If any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

REMARKS

The Invention

The invention is based on the discovery that homozygous securin-defective cells fail to separate their metaphase chromosomes appropriately, and thus exhibit aneuploidy. An isolated and purified homozygous securin-defective human cell line is the subject of claims 1-4. A pair of isogenic mammalian cell lines is the subject of claims 5-9 and 19-22. A first cell line of the pair is homozygous securin-defective and a second cell line of the pair is securin-proficient.

Such cell lines can be used to screen compounds to identify potential anti-cancer agents. See